

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. These documents were cited in the parent and grandparent of the present divisional application, Application Nos. 09/572,078 and 09/083,130, respectively (the latter having issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,096,272), and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is requested to indicate that these documents have been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

These documents were all made of record in the parent or grandparent. Accordingly, no copies are provided. Should the Examiner require copies of any reference, however, he is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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VERSION MARKED TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 1, line 7 and ending at page 1, line 10 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up version of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

--This application is a division of Application No. 09/572,078, filed on May 17, 2000, which is a division of Application No. 09/083,130, filed on May 22, 1998, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,096,272 on August 1, 2000, and which claims the benefit of, and incorporates by reference the entirety of, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/047,481, filed May 23, 1997.--

FORM PTO 1449 (modified) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>				ATTY DOCKET NO. 1204.5 D2		APPLICATION NO. N/Y/A	
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		4,896,963	1/90	Kato	422	64 xr	
		5,003,611	03/91	Miyake et al.	382	6	
		5,079,144	01/92	Carr et al.	435	32	
		5,089,395	02/92	Snyder et al.	435	39	
		5,164,796	11/92	Di Guiseppi et al.	356	445	
		5,206,151	04/93	Robertson	435	32	
		5,290,701	03/94	Wilkins	435	312	
		5,320,808	6/94	Holen et al.	422	64	
		5,340,747	08/94	Eden	436	172	
		5,366,873	11/94	Eden et al.	435	34	
		5,501,959	03/96	Lancaster et al.	435	32	
		5,686,300	11/97	Berndt	435	287.5	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	EP	0516274A2	12/92	EPO	G01N	21/64	
	EP	0576291A2	12/93	EPO	G01N	35/02	
	EP	0711995A2	5/96	EPO	G01N	21/89	
	EP	0301699A2	02/98	EPO	G01N	21/51	
	EP	0841557A2	5/98	EPO	G01N	21/64	

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		5,817,475	10/98	Gibbs et al.	435	29	
		5,853,666	12/98	Seaton et al.	435	288.7x	
		5,858,769	01/99	Di Guiseppi et al.	435	2875	

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	WO	88/06062	8/88	PCT	G01N	21/03	
	WO	93/1818	09/93	PCT	C12Q	1/06	
	WO	95/04263	2/95	PCT	G01J	3/42	
	WO	96/05488	02/96	PCT	G01J	3/30	

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The attached Information Disclosure Statement:

☐ Cites information forwarded in correspondence from the client dated

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☐ Cites information from our in-house inventor search.

☒ Other (provide brief explanation).

Cites information of record in parent/grandparent, Application

Nos. 09/572,078 and 09/083,130